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THE FRENCH PUGILIST

The German theory of the hopeless decadence of Latin nations was fully and finally exploded by the French part, and even by the Italian part, in the World War. Another theory has since been exploded by the appearance of a French heavyweight champion of Europe who is also a gallant vetern of the war. England, as the home and early nursery of modern sport in all its forms, ought to have produced that champion but did not. Hitherto the English-speaking world has produced the champions of thero ped arena, and the bitterness of the Germans in the presence of the spectacle of Marshal Foch is doubtless pretty nearly equalled by the bitterness of the sporting Britisher in the presence of the spectacle of Georges Carpentier who recently knocked out the English champion in the first round. "Decadent" France proudly claims not only Europe's g reates general but Euruope's greatest boxer—not only Foch but Carpentier.

And now Carpentier has come to America, hoping to continue his steady process of upsetting local reputations and of thus winning the championship of the world. No American will wish to see him do so, but every American of sporting blood will heartily applaud him if he does. Carpentier is notable as a great pugilist with an excellent reputation for perfetly fair fighting. He appeals as a daring aviator who won all the medals in sight by his gallant defense of Verdun. But perhaps he is chiefly interesting as a Frenchman who in his person and physical efficiency has given the final blow to the Teutonic theory of Latin decadence. Italy, Spain and Latin-America may join France in the pride of him.

THE "NEW POOR"

In a nation's pawnshops may no doubt be found much information in regard to its poor, and it is significant to hear of the existence of a "new poor" from American pawnbrokers. In former times their patrons with the picturesque exceptions of "gentlemen gamblers" and the like, came largely from the working classes, but now all this isgreatly changed. The old poor have to a great extent been displaced by a "new poor" who borrow much more heavily. In his annual report the president of the Provident Loan Society says that, although it is impossible to obtain full data on the character of borrowers and their reasons for borrowing, "there are many indications that the workingman who pledges his watch to obtain funds needtd by reason of sickness or similar emergency has been supplanted in the line of borrowers by the salaried and professional man who pledges the family jewelry to bridge the gap between income and cost of living necessitated by existing standards."

While the poor of former times requires less assistance, the "new poor" require more. Last year fewer loans were made than in any year since 1910, but the amount of the loans was "nearly $8.000.000 in excess of any previous year." In 1894 the average loan was $16. in 1918 it was $53 and in 1919 it was $76. In the first quarter of 1919 the monthly average number of borrowers who brought pledges valued between $250 and $500 was less than 1.200, but in the last quarter their numbers increased to more than 2,000 a month, the small borrowers of from $5 to $10 meanwhile decreasing in number. Thus is furnished further evidence that the high cost of living falls most heavily upon the "middle" or salaried class who must make a "decent" appearance in spite of multiplied expenses and relatively small increase in income.

CARPENTIER IN U. S.

Georges Carpentier, European heavyweight champ, his bride and fistic manager are in the U. S. He comes to fill theatrical and movie engagements and arrange for a title clash with Jack Dempsey. This picture was taken as he landed.

AMERICAN FILMS ABROAD

The influence of the "movies" has been extended to remote ports of Africa and far interior towns of Asia. As the new art (if the indigent near-artist will permit such a term) has been more highly developed in America than elsewhere, and in consequence American films are continually scattering to the four quarters of theearth, impressions of American life, manners and ideals have been very widely diffused. Perhaps the "movies" have accomplished more of this in a few years than the printing press could hope to do in a century. It is not surprising, therefore, to find an alarmed Briton, who has had "a great deal of experience in the film world of the East," complaining of this "American menace" in a letter to the London Times. The prestige of the British empire in India, China and Africa, he says, is being steadily lowered by a deluge of American pictures which "present the United States as the first country in the world."

What is more alarming still, "many of these pictures present life to the native in a way which can do most deadly harm," for often natives are shown "living on terms of complete equality if not superiority to the Europeans," there being even American films in which natives "often figure as heroes." Dark-skinned natives of the dependencies, of course, should be shown only as the deferential servants of the British sahibs. So far as most of us have observed, t here is about as much (social- class distinction in American films as in British, but itmay be quite true that there is a certain atmosphere in the average American picture that the Britisher in such colonial dependencies as India might see reason to regard as politically unwholesome.

That curious assumption that there is not and cannot be a League of Nations unless the United States is a member of it will tend to confirm the foreigner in his impression as to the existence of a prodigious Yankee conceit.

The Federal Bureau of Statistics has ascertained that the cost of food decreased sixteenths of one per cent in February. No wonder the naked eye of the consumer failed to detect the charge.

At least one profiteer is quite frank. He is reported by the Los Angeles Times as saying that he now charges $25 for a room he rented several years ago for $8 "because he can get it."

A Ventilation Test.

Mrs. Newlywed was speaking proudly to her caller of their new house, and told of its having hollow block construction, thus insuring plenty of ventilation. "I don't think your modern dwelling has anything on our old-fashioned frame house in that respect," returned her caller. "Every night we lock the cat in the cellar and let her out of the attic in the morning."—Boston Transcript.

American Cigarettes Popular.

For a time most cigarettes were made from the Turkish leaf. Then it was discovered that the "bright" Virginia tobacco, now grown in Virginia, the Carolinas and eastern Tennessee, made an agreeable cigarette. Eventually cigarette-making machinery was invented, and today American cigarettes are smoked all over the world.

Grandpa's Peculiar Power.

During a slight drought last summer the boys were wishing for rain, when Willie said: "My grandpa can make it rain whenever he wants to." His companions laughed at him, but he insisted: "Well, he can. He just gets rheumatism in his knees and it rains right afterward."

SO. UNION TEACHERS WILL GET INCREASE

The teachers of South Union township, Fayette county, were notified by the board of directors last Friday evening, that contracts for the 1920-21 school term would contain a substantial increase in salaries. The specific amount was not stated but the increase will be made known later.

Burial Places of Presidents.

George Washington was buried at Mt. Vernon, Va.; John Adams, Quincy, Mass.; Thomas Jefferson, Monticello, Va.; James Madison, Montpelier, Vt.; James Monroe, Richmond, Va.; John Quincy Adams, Quincy, Mass.; Andrew Jackson, Hermitage, Tenn.; Martin Van Buren, Kinderhook, N. Y.; William H. Harrison, North Bend, O.; John Tyler, Richmond, Va.; James K. Polk, Nashville, Tenn.; Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; Millard Fillmore, Buffalo, N. Y.; Franklin Pierce, Concord, N. H.; James Buchanan, near Lancaster, Pa.; Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill.; Andrew Johnson, Greenville, Tenn.; Ulysses S. Grant, New York city; Rutherford B. Hayes, Fremont, O.; James A. Garfield, Cleveland, O.; Chester A. Arthur, Albany, N. Y.; Grover Cleveland, Princeton, N. J.; Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis; William McKinley, Canton, O.; Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y.

Antioch.

During the first century of the Christian era and therefore at the time of the missionary labors of St. Paul Antioch was the chief city in Asia, that is in western Asia, for only part of the continent was then called Asia. It stood on the left bank of the river Orontes, which, 14 miles to the west, flowed into the northeastern portion of the Mediterranean sea. In ancient times the river was navigable, and on the coast was the fine harbor of Seleucia. For several centuries it enjoyed great commercial importance. During the first century of the Christian era Antioch contained a population of fully half a million in which many of the nationalities of Europe and Asia were represented. It is now a place of 17,000 inhabitants, known as Antakieh.

Chinese Dislike Foreigners.

It is not very flattering but it is certainly true that whatever respect is shown a foreigner in the Orient is a tribute to his generosity or his heavy hand, until he has acquired such an intimate knowledge of the Chinese language and the Chinese mind that he is no longer a foreigner. The coolie has much less respect for the "man from the ocean" than the mandarin has because he has less appreciation of foreign achievements and foreign culture. He judges us by our appearances and our conduct, and in the light of Chinese tradition and Chinese standards we are ignorant, brutal barbarians, inflicted for some strange reason upon the land.

Popular Malay Sport.

The Malay is a sportsman, and any kind of a fight draws a great crowd. One of his queerest sports is fish fighting. The combatants are two very small fish about one and one-half inches long. Before the fight commences the fish are kept in separate bottles and exhibited by their respective owners to the onlookers, who bet on their favorite. Frequently the fish are heroes of many battles. When the bets are made, the fish are placed together in the same bottle and the battle commences. The little fish fight and dart at one another until one succumbs and sinks to the bottom of the bottle.

Microbes Hard to Destroy.

The microbes of disease are long-lived when kept in favorable surroundings. Dr. J. Dansyz reports to the French Academie des Sciences that a strain of paratyphoid bacilli kept in broth in sealed ampoules were alive and virulent after twelve years. When these bacilli were transferred to a new test tube every twenty-four hours they were still virulent after five years. At the beginning they produced nine generations in twenty-four hours, after a year they were producing nine generations in twelve hours. Thus at the end of five years Dr. Dansyz had 25,000 generations of paratyphoid germs.

The Kiel Canal.

Kiel canal is also variously known as the North sea or Baltic canal. The name Kiel is misleading in that it is nearly two miles north of the city of Kiel, at Holtenau, although the canal's eastern terminus is in Kiel harbor. It extends to Brunsbuttel on the Elbe, cutting across the base of the peninsula which contains Denmark and most of Schleswig-Holstein. Canal locks are used principally to neutralize the tides. Passage through the canal takes a steamer eight or nine hours, with the entire length electrically lighted.

Maize, or Indian corn, in its present form represents one of the great achievements of primitive planters. The North American Indian, says Robert H. Moulton in Popular Mechanics Magazine, it came originally from southern Mexico, and was eaten by the Maya tribes. At first it was nothing but a coarse grass, on which were tiny ears resembling the top of the wheat stalk. The plant is essentially tropical and, despite centuries of culture in the temperate zone is still sensitive to frost.

Remarkable!

Little Robert was visiting his aunt, who lived in the country. One afternoon, having nothing to do, he walked to the barn to watch the milking process. One of the maids was milking a black cow. Seeing this, little Robert exclaimed: "A black cow and white milk!"

Razor Clam Hard to Catch.

The so-called "razor clam" is not unfamiliar along the Atlantic littoral. It looks remarkably like a closed razor (not of the "safety" pattern, but the old fashioned kind), and the valves of its shells are almost sharp enough to shave with, says the Kansas City Star. On the Pacific coast it is highly esteemed as a table delicacy, and in Oregon, Washington and Alaska razor clams are canned in immense quantities. They are gathered between tides at extreme low water. They live buried in sand, and no little skill and dexterity are required to capture them, so rapid are they in their movements. When frightened, the razor clam protrudes its "foot" downward, expands it and jerks itself deeper. At each jerk it goes down a couple of inches, and so is quickly out of reach.

Fierce Sea Creatures.

The dangerous marine creatures are in general not the largest. The killer whale, which is 20 feet or so in length, will attack and devour almost anything that swims in the sea. Sometimes they join in schools and hunt the big whalebone whales like a pack of hungry wolves. The man-eater shark, seldom more than 20 feet long, is one of the fiercest sea creatures. He is as rare as he is dangerous. The big sperm whale seems to feed largely on large specimens of octopus, for which it dives in deep water. Some observers assert that they have seen spectacular contests between such a sperm whale and an octopus which it had brought to the surface.

Draw Anything.

You need never hope to get on, if you are the type of person that the drawing you are actually at work upon should look nice when it is done. All you have to care about is to make it right, and to learn as much in doing it as possible. So then, though when you are sitting in your friend's parlor, or in your own, and have nothing else to do, you may draw anything that is there, for practice; even the flowers or the pattern on the carpet: be sure that it is for practice and not because it is a beloved carpet, nor a friendly poker and tongs nor because you wish to please your friend by drawing her room.—From Ruskin's "The Elements of Drawing."

Anesthetics for Trees.

The theory that trees should be treated with anesthetics to enable them to withstand the shock of transplantation has been advanced here by Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose, an Indian scientist. Sir Jagadish showed photographs of large trees which he had successfully transplanted in Calcutta in spite of their age. Realizing, he explained, that the difficulty of successful transplantation lay in the shock of removal, and that nerve effects in plants and animals were on similar lines, he treated these trees with anesthetics and they bore the uprooting and removal well.

Devilfish Ugly Customer.

There are plenty of monsters in the sea, such as the great devilfish or manta which grows to be over 20 feet between the tips of its great flat wings. The manta has hornlike processes directed forward, one at either side of its broad head, and there are well-authenticated instances of a devilfish "flying" through the water, catching a boat's anchor between its horns by chance, lifting the anchor and towing the astonished boatmen out to sea. At certain seasons the devilfish is common along the gulf coast of Florida, where it furnishes exciting sport for big-game fishermen.

Get Sun and Fresh Air.

As much outdoor life as can be conveniently crowded into a day, with agreeable forms of diversion that make muscle and encourage deep breathing, should be a part of the daily routine. Deep breathing, when it becomes habitual, is of the greatest value, as the increased oxygen supply burns up the poison of the body. If it is not possible to spend some part of the day out of doors open wide a window and stand before it and breathe deeply twenty or thirty times. Sitting before an open window and in the direct sunlight is good if one cannot go out.

To a fisherman there is only one thing in the world—and that is fishing. A popular author tells of two old fishermen meeting in front of a little store one evening. "I have just been home," said one, "and found when I got in the house there were some blood stains on the carpet. I went on in the other room, and there was my wife on the floor. Somebody hit her with a club. It's a terrible thing. Here I come home tired out from fishing all day and—" "How was the fishing?" interjected the other.

Matters of Taste.

"A man wants to laugh at the clothes his wife buys for him," remarked the citizen with the high-waisted coat. "I have observed that," responded Miss Cayenne. "And when he goes out and selects his own clothes his wife wants to cry."

He Deserves Recognition.

Mr. Meekton says he hopes women will get enough influence in politics to get some kind of recognition for the chap who has devoted most of his energy in life to being a good provider and a kind father.

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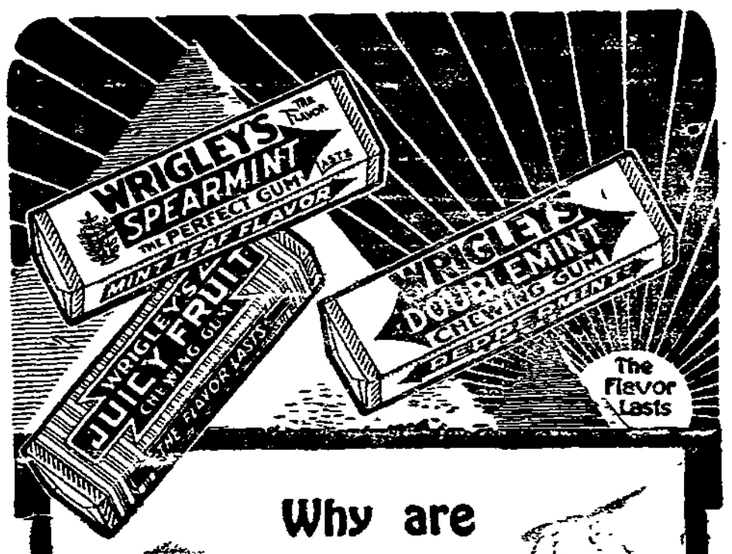

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KESSLER WINS LIVE BIRD SHOOTING MATCH

Daniel Kessler of Mt. Carmel, Pa., champion live bird shooter of Pennsylvania, on Saturday defended his title successfully in a 20-bird contest at the Charleroi ball grounds against Joseph Coates, of Dravosburg, winning by a score of 13 to 18. Nearly 500 paid admisison to the park to witness the match, which was the first public live bird match held in Western Pennsylvania since 1915, when Harry Marker of Brownsville shot against Chief Bender at Exposition Park in Pittsburg.

A large number of Kessler's followers journeyed from Northumberland county to witness the contest and a large number of local marksmen were present to see the contest. Nn the first two innings Kessler and Coates each dropped their birds. Kessler went straight in the next two innings, but Coates missed his birds in those sessions. Kessler went straight to the sixth inning when he lost a stiff left quartering bird and he missed a hard left quartering bird in the sixteenth inning, going out with a score of 18. Coates was weak on right quartering birds.

S. F. Barson of Pittsburg was referee and he said the match was won by superior shooting, as there was no difference in the quality of the birds, which had all been trained to make a fast flight when released from the traps.

NO PROFITEERING IN COAL BUSINESS

Insistent insinuations that soft coal operators would take advantage of the 27 per cent wage increase to miners agreed upon at the joint conference of lastweek to make excessive advances in prices to the public were declared groundless by the operators association at Washington. "The operators, unable to absorb the increase, are obliged to raise the price of coal at the mines," astatement issued by the association said. "They made this clear to the bituminous coal commission. The operators, however, will do all in their power to see that prices do not go beyond reasonable bounds."

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A TOUCH OF LINEN WITH GINGHAMS

Mothers, it will soon be gingham time. What little miss wants to stay in a stuffy old wool dress when the warm days will permit wearing a fresh gingham? This new model shows that white collar and cuffs are to again add freshness.

WILL BE PRACTICALLY A NEW TOWING STEAMER

The steamer John A. Wood, formerly owned by the Pittsburg Coal company, later sold to Capt. W. Harry Brown, and then purchased by the Standard Oil company, will be practically a new steamboat when it comes off the marine ways at Elizabeth. A new hull has been built under the steamer, while the upper works of the boat are receiving considerable attention. The machinery which is of the Mariupee compound type, is being overhauled and when all improvements are completed, which will include a complete coat of new paint, the boat will present a handsome picture to the old marines of the valley. It is said the boat is to be named the Baton Rouge and will be used in towing oil on the lower Mississippi.

JURORS DRAWN FOR MAY TERM OF COURT

Grand and petit jurors for the May term of court were drawn on Saturday last by the sheriff and the jury commissioners. The grand jury is summoned for Monday May 3 and the petit jurors for Monday, May 10. On the grand jury Harry Davis, Thomas Owens and R. O. Vetter all from Charleroi have been drawn, while on the petit ju ry James Monack has been summoned.

SAY SUTHERLAND WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

It is announced that J. C. Sutherland of Washington will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the twenty-fourth district. Mr. Sutherland's decision was announced early last week and put an end to much speculation as to the likelihood of a contest on his part. However, G. Plummer Baker is circulating a petition as a candidate for the nomination against Mr. Temple, and it is intimated that Capt. Ed. Boyle of Beaver is contemplating entering the lists.

FINE CONCERT FOR THURSDAY EVENING

The Charleroi high school orchestra will give its fifth annual concert at the auditorium, next Thursday evening. This is an event which is eagerly anticipated, each year, by a large number of the relatives and friends of those identified with the organization and this year will prove no exception, judging from the demand already made for tickets. Prof. Daniel has arranged a most interesting program. The orchestra will be assisted on this occasion by the Amphion Male Quartette, an organization which will surely please by its efforts. Other numbers will be furnished by members of the student body. There will be no reserved seats.

Rev. Greenlee of the Methodist church was called to Pittsburg this morning to attend a ministers' conference, at which time Bishop Berry will bethe principal speaker.

The Monday Musical club will meet at the home of Dr. J. B. Barth this evening instead of at the First Presbyterian church. 257t1p

NEW SECRETARY OF STATE TAKES OFFICE

Bainbridge Colby, new secretary of state, to succeed Robert H. Lansing, shown here taking office, his appointment being confirmed by the Senate.

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BIGGEST OF EARTH'S VALLEYS

Giant Crack in Surface Extends Over One-Sixth of the Circumference of the World.

The Great Rift valley, as it is called by Prof. J. W. Gregory, extends over one-sixth of the circumference of the earth, remarks the London Times.

It begins in Lebanon, follows the canyon of the Jordan and the Dead sea and crosses a high "divide" to become the deep fjord of the Gulf of Akaba between the highland of Edom and Sinai. The Red sea, a great trough 1,600 feet deep, measured from the summit of its rocky wall to the sea bottom, continues it between the high deserts of Nubia and Arabia to the narrow neck of Bab-el-Mandeb. It strikes across Abyssinia to Lake Rudolph, runs almost due south through British East Africa and traverses a range 7,000 feet high to Lake Natron, in what was German East Africa. Where it crosses the Uganda railway its walls are so steep that the trains used to be hauled up or lowered by cables. It is continued by the rift which holds Lake Nyasa, an inland ocean, whose surface is 1,000 feet above sea level, with a depth of 700 feet below sea level.

From Nyasa it runs down the Shire valley, crosses the Zambesi and ends in the Indian ocean at the Sabi river in Gazaland. A minor branch forms the lower end and a gigantic arm stretches from the upper end of Nyasa through Tanganyika, the second deepest lake in the world, its bottom 1,600 feet below sea level, to the upper Nile.

We are accustomed to think of valleys as having been formed by erosion, but the Rift valley is clearly the result of some more catastrophic agency. There have been differences of opinion as to the mode of its formation within the historical period. But the discovery of fossil mammals, of types long extinct, makes it impossible to regard the foundering of the Dead sea as coincident with the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

ARABS SKILLED IN AVIATION

Their Mechanicians Said to Have Been Pioneers in the Art in the Second Century.

The Asie Arabe has some interesting sidelights on the early history of aviation, so far as it concerns the Arab race. According to this paper, it was at the end of the second century, and the beginning of the third, that the Arab race began to be influenced by the Greeks and Indians. It was in Bagdad that the mathematical and mechanical arts first began to make their appearance. With the coming of these different studies the horizon of the Arabs became enlarged. It was about this period that the grand Caliph Haroun al-Raschid sent his famous clock to Charlemagne, emperor of the Franks.

Amongst the various crafts from which the Arabs drew their culture was, strange as it may seem today, that of aviation. At the head of this section was the celebrated Arab mechanician Abbas Ben Farnas, the first known pioneer of the art which Bleriot, Farman and Guynemer have since made famous, unless one should include in such the young Icarus of Greek legend.

Insect Life in Winter.

In the dead wood of the old snags are many insects that live through the winter regardless of how cold it gets: creatures whose weak bodies seem to defy the frigid temperature. Pull off a bit of old bark from a snag and note that there is life beneath it; little people that try to scurry for cover when their home is wrecked. They are not so agile as when the weather is warm, but they are not in a state of torpor.

The fish do not hibernate during the winter. Some species find homes in holes or beneath rocks and roots and get along very well without food during the cold weather, but they are not torpid like the bears and groundhogs that hibernate. Most of the fish swim about in the cold water and gather a living in winter just as they do in summer, but none of them require so much food when the water is cold.

There are about a hundred different species of violets, of which there are five species in England, and a few subspecies. One of these is the viola tricolor, from which is descended the garden pansy, or Love-in-Idleness. But in all the passages in which Shakespeare names the violet, he alludes to the purple sweet-scented violet, of which he was evidently very fond, and which is said to be very abundant in the neighborhood of Stratford-on-Avon. For all the eighteen passages tell of some point of beauty or sweetness that attracted him. And so it is with all the poets from Chaucer downward—the violet is noticed by all, and by all with affection.—Christian Science Monitor.

History.

How far history is to be trusted is question. Victor Hugo says all history is an epic. Epics always are embellished. Shelly calls Herodatus' embellishments the living images which a poet has the right to employ. They make his verse breathe, and history must breathe, too, we suppose. Modern historians, unless they are mere copyists of archives or dismal statisticians, must give us "touches" here and there. They call it anecdote or illustration, but we suspect it is the Herodotus method toned down a little for a less credulous age.

NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

New Yorker Saw Only One Way to Settle Problem of Street-Car Etiquette Confronting Him.

A business man who was raised far enough away from New York still to say "ma'am" when he speaks to a strange woman was recently confronted with a new angle of one of the major transportation problems of city life.

His theory is that since women have sought and found equal opportunity in business and in politics, a tired man should have an equal opportunity in the seat lottery on the way home at night. It isn't a hard rule, but he has the exceptions to it pretty well in mind. He will not take a seat if there is a woman standing near it. He will yield his seat to an elderly woman, and—this is a cardinal exception—to a woman with a baby.

But he did not have the answer ready the other night when he looked up from his paper to find clinging to the strap before him a handsome young woman with a poodle under her arm.

The hero of this experience is a quick thinker, but also set in his convictions. Of course, he reasoned, a dog isn't a baby; a woman who will carry one on the subway in the rush hour isn't a "tired working girl;" if I gave up my seat to a woman with a baby I should be doing only what is right, but if I give my seat to this woman with the pup every man in the car will laugh and I shall feel silly myself.

Being a diplomat he got off at the next station and waited for another train.—New York Sun.

CLIMB THAT REQUIRED NERVE

English Workman Went 450 Feet in Air to Make Repairs to Marconi Wireless Mast.

The Morning Post of London gives the description of a climb performed by a workman in the employ of the Marconi company at their works in Chelmsford. A short time ago the highest part of a wireless mast 450 feet high, higher than the cross on the top of St. Paul's, was broken by a gale. How was it to be repaired? Ladders were out of the question. But the difficulties did not daunt one of the workmen, who noticed that the mast was made of quarter-sections bolted together and then fitted one on top of the other. He asked, and was given permission, to try the climb. He made himself a belt, at the two ends of which were rings that would slip over the ends of the bolts. Thus equipped he started to mount on high, the bolts being his only means of support. On the first day he swarmed up 200 feet, fitted the tackle, and descended to earth for it was too cold to proceed farther. On the second day he was hoisted up the 200 feet, and then, hand over hand by means of his rings and bolts, he got to the top of the mast, where he effected the necessary repairs. The last 250 feet of climbing was done in an hour. The man's name was Post.

Mark Twain's Imagination.

Mark Twain had such a vivid imagination, such a brain for embroidery, that it was a difficult task for him to tell a straight story just as it happened—he could make up one that was so much better. We all know that Albert Bigelow Paine, working on Mark Twain's "Life," found it necessary to discard much of the autobiographic material Mark Twain had written. Investigation, talks with men still living who knew the facts, simply proved that the tales were not so. And Mark Twain was no liar. He had a glorious, almost superhuman, imagination. As he approached threescore and ten he said, as quoted in the "Life," "When I was younger I could remember anything, whether it happened or not; but I am getting old, and soon I shall remember only the facts."—William W. Ellsworth, "A Golden Age of Authors."

Nobody knows where the groundhog got its "rep" as a weather forecaster, but belief in its powers in this regard seems to be very efficient.

It is a kind of marmot (therefore related to the prairie dog) and makes its home in a burrow 20 or 30 feet long, which descends obliquely four or five feet, and then gradually rises to a large round chamber, where the groundhog family sleeps and brings up the young ones.

In the daytime the woodchuck (as it is otherwise called) never gets far from its burrow. When angry or alarmed it makes a chattering noise, or sometimes utters a shrill whistle. Its bite is severe, and it will make a desperate fight against a dog.

Gallic Fervor.

"What's become of that new clerk you got from Paris?"

"I had to discharge him," said the proprietor of an American hotel.

"Wasn't he efficient?"

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Estate of Samford K. Scott, deceased, late of Borough of Charleroi, Penna.

Letters testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Maggie B. Scott,
Sarah Muriel Scott,
Charleroi, Pa.

Guy Moffitt, Attorney
F-2-9-16-23-M-1-8

Administratrix Notice

Estate of August Heuchamps deceased, late of Charleroi, Penna.

Letters of administration upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

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LOST—Childs gray fur neckpiece between car barn and Roths store. Finder return to 259 Mail office. 257-t2p

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That tendency to be sorry that poor Germany got a thrashing will be noticeable until the 4th of next November, when it will experience sudden death.

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KNOW NOTHING OF DYSPEPSIA

Eskimos Apparently Able to Digest Anything in the Form of Food, Without Cooking It.

There is at least one native race of America that is little troubled with dyspepsia. The Eskimo seems to defy all laws in this relation and to thrive. He eats until he is satisfied, and it takes much to satisfy him, if, indeed, he ever is satisfied. He eats as long as there is a shred of the feast before him. His capacity is limited only by the supply.

The Eskimo, it further appears, can make no mistake in the manner of cooking his food for the very simple reason that he does not cook it. Nor, so far as the blubber or fat of the Arctic is concerned, is he worried about his manner of eating it. Indeed, he may be said not to eat it at all. He cuts it into long strips an inch wide and an inch thick and then lowers the strip down his throat as one might lower a rope into a well. Notwithstanding all this, the Eskimo does not suffer from indigestion. He can make a good meal off the flesh and skin of the walrus despite its hard and gritty that in cutting up the animal the knife must be continually sharpened.

The teeth of a little Eskimo child will, it is said by those who know, meet in a bit of walrus skin as the teeth of one of our own children would meet in the flesh of an apple, although the hide of the walrus is from half an inch to an inch in thickness and bears considerable resemblance to the hide of an elephant. The child of the Arctic will bite it and digest it and never know what dyspepsia means.

WELL ENDOWED BY NATURE

Mountain Goat Thoroughly Equipped for Life in High Altitudes Amid Snow and Rocks.

"The mountain goat is equally at home on rock, ice, snow or meadow, and it lives in bands of two to twenty," says Dr. William T. Hornaday, writing of "The Rocky Mountain Goat at Home," in Boys' Life. "Its big black hoofs have chisel edges for ice and a center of rubber cushion for slippery rock. In steep climbing the front of the hoof digs in like a garden trowel, and in going down steep places the rear dewdaws make wonderfully effective brakes. The heavy coat of fine and dense white wool is impervious to dry cold, but the wet and cold rains of New York winters quickly put mountain goats down and out. In the East they must be sheltered from all cold rains, or they contract pneumonia and die. Of dry cold they can endure any amount.

"In the matter of food, we must say that the goat is herbivorous, and explain that it feeds on a great variety of mountain plants, according to season. On the summits they find very little real grass, but they find pulsatilla and other queer pasture plants that are literally 'just as good.' In the spring they feed on the wild onions that grow abundantly in their home pastures, which imparts to their flesh a strong onion flavor."

Memory System.

A middle-aged suburbanite overtaken on his Saturday afternoon stroll by a young married friend whom he knew was taking a memory-training course, inquired as to the progress made. "Doing fine!" was the reply. "Fill your pipe from my pouch and I'll tell you while we perambulate." But the last word was hardly uttered when he made a right-about-face and returned at the double on his tracks. In the evening the middle-aged man called to return the pouch. "Thanks," smiled the owner. "You'd wonder why I left you so abruptly. Law of association—worked beautifully. The word 'tobacco,' followed by 'perambulate' reminded me of something." "Important?" "Well—yes. Don't breathe a word to the wife. I'd left the perambulator outside the tobacconist's and the baby was in it!"—Manchester Guardian.

Facts About Corn Culture.

The tribes of North America saw the possibilities of corn and hastened its evolution. There has been cross-breeding by white farmers, yet, as a matter of fact, the corn culture of the present day is practically as it came from the hand of the Indian. He has adapted and modified it to various sections of the country by a process of careful selection.

Recently it occurred to some scientists that despite the drawback of the weather the Mandan Indians of the North were raising corn. An expedition made a study of the agricultural methods of the Mandans, and it developed that for centuries the farmers of the tribes had been developing a hardy corn. The seed had been selected from year to year from stalks which showed no effect from frost.

On a farm near Rosewell, N. M., is an irrigation ditch, or rather a raised irrigation ditch, which is one of the oldest evidences of man's inventive powers on this continent. It was built centuries before Columbus learned navigation. The walls of the canal are believed to have been made of sediment taken from a nearby spring, a clay-like material that exposure to the air has made as hard as stone.

The making of two blades of grass grow where but one grew before rough irrigation is a very ancient device. It was carried on crudely by the Egyptians at least as early as 700 B. C.—Popular Science Monthly.

BOTH CHRISTIAN AND PAGAN

Rites of Mexican Festival Constitute One of the Strangest Mixtures Known to History.

Probably the strangest mixture of the ancient and the modern, and of Christian and pagan rites, which can be seen in the world today, is the annual Mexican festival of the "Matachines."

No white man can tell exactly what is the significance of this festival, which is celebrated in all parts of the Mexican republic every spring. Those who take part in it are typical Mexicans of Indian and Spanish blood, with some purebred Indians among them. The dances are much like the war and harvest dances of the Apaches, Comanches and other southwestern Indians, except that many of the dancers flourish swords, and wear by way of decoration, the tin tops of beer bottles.

The dancing is kept up for two or three days, and the ceremony ends with a dance about a great wooden cross which is set on a high hill near the town. This would seem to show a Christian influence, and it probably does, but the cross is known to have been sacred to ancient Aztecs. Indeed, this whole ceremony is undoubtedly one of Aztec origin, with Christian elements added.

This bewildering mixture of pagan and Christian religion is seen throughout the Southwest. The "Penitentes Hermanos" of Mexico and New Mexico are another example. On every Good Friday they whip themselves until the blood comes, as a penance, and crucify one of their number with ropes. These fanatics claim to be Christians, but their practices have been condemned by the church, and like the Matachines can be traced back to Aztec times.

NEWSPAPER HAD SHORT LIFE

"Publick Occurrences" in 1690, Got Out One Issue, and Then the Authorities Suppressed It.

America's first newspaper, the Boston News-Letter, first published in 1704, on exhibition at the Massachusetts Historical society, marked the beginning of continuous journalism in the British colonies. Until 1704 the nearest approach to a newspaper in the everyday life of the colonies was the manuscript "news-letter," which was usually addressed by the writer to a governor or a leading clergyman, and was presumably shown around and the "news" further circulated by word of mouth.

An earlier effort than that of the Boston News-Letter to publish a newspaper in the colonies is on record in the attempt to publish Publick Occurrences, in 1690. The introductory paragraph announced that "it is designed that the countrey shall be furnished once a month (or if any Glut of Occurrences happen, oftener) with an Account of such considerable things as have arrived unto our Notice." The "legislative authorities" of the time, however, found some "reflections of a very high nature" in its columns, and the Publick Occurrences made no second appearance.

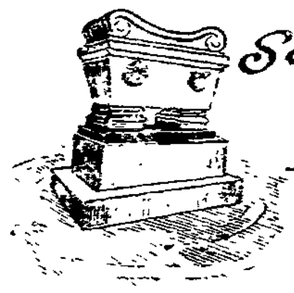
Trace Pedigree for Centuries.

Speaking of old families and family trees, English and Americans who pride themselves on ancestry have reason to envy the Arabs, many of whom can trace their family line back through many centuries by means of authentic documents. Prof. Talcott Williams, an American who was born and spent his youth in Turkey and has traveled much since in oriental countries, says the descendants of Mohammed, are numerous all over the Moslem world—in Arabia, Somaliland and East Africa—and that they prove their line by these records, which they value highly. There are also many descendants of Abu Bekr, the immediate successor of Mohammed. The leading Moslem family in Jerusalem are the Khaldi, descendants of Kakled, who conquered Syria 1,300 years ago and whose descendants have kept their genealogical records intact for all that period.

A waterspout formed Sunday afternoon off the Haiku coast. The surface of the ocean was agitated until spray and mist formed into a cuplike smoke. Then a fingerlike extension gradually reached down from the cloud, until the two connected in midair. For several minutes the spout must have been from 10 to 15 feet in diameter. It swayed irregularly back and forth, as though unable to support its own weight fully. Also, it was not solid, but a tube of mist and spray, whirling rapidly. Next to the water it was like smoke or dark spray, at the top dark and less transparent, while most of the length was glassy and plainly showed the hollow center. It formed quite slowly and disappeared the same way. This scene was much the same as the dust whirlwinds on the land, only much higher and made of water.—Wailuku Times.

Beliefs Concerning Friday.

Americans haven't got around to the point of view of the ancient Scandinavians, who called "Frigi deag" the day of the Goddess Frigga, or Freyja, the luckiest day of the week; but they are getting more like the Moslems, whose conviction that the sixth day of the week is a pretty average day, after all, is expressed in their belief that it was on Friday that Adam was created, entered paradise, was expelled, repented and died, and that on Friday will come the day of resurrection.



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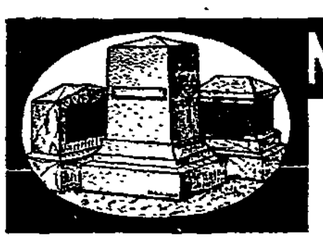

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VOLUME XX—NO. 257 CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1920. TWO CENTS

HEAVY WIND STORM PASSSES OVER THIS SECTION OF VALLEY

No Serious Damage Was Done, So Far as Could Be Learned

PHONE AND LIGHT WIRES DOWN

A severe windstorm which passed over Charleroi about 7:00 o'clock Sunday caused considerable apprehension on the part of the people, but so far as could be learned this morning, damages of a minor character were the only result.

The storm came from the southwest and was a genuine Easter blizzard particularly in the velocity of the wind, which attained a high rate early in the evening and which was kept up for about one-half hour. Reports from the west and southwest indicate that thestorm was very severe in those localities. heavy snows accompanying the chilling breezes The temperature dropped quite rapidly in Charleroi after last midnight. and this morning the temperature was very much of the winter order.

Some damage of a minor character was reported from sections west of Charleroi in this county. particularly in the vicinity of Scenery Hill and Glyde. Telephone and electric wires were blown down. while in sime places the poles were uprooted, causing the wires to cross and the line to be short-circuited. This morning many telephone lines out of town were reported as out of order and it will take acouple of days to get them back in shape again

Other immediate sections of the valley report that high winds prevailed in their sections Sunday evening. but the damages were only of a minor nature Some points in Somerset township. according to reports. were hard hit, but as all telephone service in that section isdown it was impossible to verify any of these reports. The storm as it passed over Scenery Hill and Glyde appeared to be in the form of a "twister." and it is said some buildings were moved on their foundations. Fences were rown down in some places, while a number of trees were uprooted by the velocity of the wind.

URGES PEOPLE TO CURB FOREST FIRES

Men. women and children. together with civic, commercial and other organizations throughout the state are called upon in a proclamation issued by Gov. William C. Sproul. to use their best endeavors to prevent forest fires in Pennsylvania. The Governor in his proclamation, which is the first of its kind ever issued by the governor of Pennsylvania. states that not less than one-sixth of the land of thestatehas been reduced by tax and fire to an unproductive waste. entailing a loss upon residents of Pennsylvania of $75.000.000 a year for lumber alone, aside from resulting losses from shutting down certain industries. floods and other causes.

Use the Classified Column

NO LABOR TROUBLES AT BROWNSVILLE

It is said there will be no labor disturbances in the building trades in the Brownsville district this spring. The carpenters have recently secured the signatures of their employes to scales calling for $8.000 per day, beginning May 1. The plumbers have also secured new contracts They have protected their employers in all contracts that have been taken at the old scale. but the new price is $8.00 a day till September 1, when the price will be $9.00 per day. The Brownsville plumbers, who are affiliated with the Charleroi local, are desirous of having a local of their own and are taking steps in that direction.

EASTER CANTATA WELL RENDERED

The cantata given by the choir of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church Sunday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present. The music was of a high order and was replete with solos, duets and choruses. The cantata was entitled "Easter Angels," by Ferris and ittook the story of Passion Week and wove it into a beautiful song poem. The frequent change in time gave variety to the music and the heavy chorus work showed much preparation. The church was decorated by the sewing circle, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Garlic,the president and the whole front was banked with palms interspersed with lillies and growing plants. The lights were shaded to represent flowers and the effect was much admired. Miss Bethel Bowman was at the piano and the following singers took part: sopranos, Miss Emma Clutter, Miss Childress, Miss Belle Geho, Mrs. Clifford Robertson and Miss Nora Swan.

Altos. Miss Blanche Allison, Miss Margaret Swan, Miss Charlotte Swan. Miss Grace Gelder and Miss Grace Fleming.

Tenors, J W. Manon, Arthur Culler and John F Bowman.

Bassos. Mr. Dobson, Mr. Anderson, John H. Clutter and Van Speers.

Messrs. Dobson and Culler are singersfrom Belle Vernon who assisted the local choir and the cantata was a fitting closing to a joyous Easter Day.

Pressed by the National Woman's Party to declare himself, Mr. Hoover said he had always believed that woman suffrage would be a good thing for the country—which quietly passed by the present point at issue. whether suffrage shall come State by State or into all States at once, even those whose majorities object.

THE REAL TRUTH

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Have We Profiteers in The Renting of Charleroi Homes?

Have we rent profiteers? Are there property owners in town asking more rental for their property than the value of the holdings or conditions will justify? Personally, we do not know. We do know that properties are scarce, and that people are required to pay amounts largely in excess of what they did a few years ago in order to secure a place in which to live, but are the owners in the profiteer class?

A resident of the borough in a communication to The Mail, and addressed to members of Council. asks:

"Do you realize that rent profiteers are after your renting residents? Do you know that if someone does not take action before the coming summer is over it is a question as to what will become of some families? There are families that can scarcely meet necessary expenses now. or even during the warmer months, when not so much clothing or living expenses are necessary.

"I personally know of families who have had an increase in their rent of $10 per month for four rooms, simply a living abode, no service rendered whatever, yet four-roomed apartments are renting for $25 per month.

"Why does not some loyal citizen start a movement to lower rents? Appoint an investigating committee and then organize. If nothing else can be done to lower rents, perhaps the ones who are profiteering from the world's workers can be brought to a realization that all of those whom they oppress so heavily should be. as it is intended, helped to accumulate a little of this world's goods.

"I personally would like to know the assessments of properties that are held at such high figures. Rents are at exorbitant figures. We need a strong coming generation. How are we to have it? If rents are not paid you are thrown out into the streets. just as the Germans routed the Belgians. wrecking their homes. What are the rent profiteers doing? What is left to clothe and protect the health of so many helpless children? We are living in the twentieth century. You know the property owners have taken advantage of the high cost of living since the war ended.

"Why not form a RentersLeague?"

MONESSEN TO TRY FOR 3RD CLASS CITY

Monessen is contemplating entering the ranks of the third class cities of the State and at a public meeting held last Thursday it was decided to submit the question to the electors of the borough for a decision. The Board of Trade of Monessen has had the subejct before it for some time, and speakers from Connellsville and Uniontown have presented the advantages to be derived from such a change. The only question bothering the promoters of the movement now is the time for holding an election. The primary date of May 18 has been suggested. but it appears from a reading of the law that the question can only be voted on at a general or a municipay election. When it has been definitely determined just what that mans a committee of five citizens appointed to manage the campaign will prepare their plans to present the question to the citizens of that community Monessen has more than the required number of inhabitants to enter the ranks of the third-class cities and it is likely the step will be taken.

Custom Cutters in convention announce that men's coats will be longer and less "snug" and trousers wider That seems to be about all, thank goodness.

Don't miss this chance to get something for about nothing. Ewald's Jewelry store, Charleroi, Pa. 257tf*

BUILDING DAMAGED BY GAS EXPLOSION

A terriffic explosion occurred at the new building being erected by Vincent Golle, on Railroad street, in Roscoe, last Thursday morning about 11 o'clock. that startled the community. The entire upper part of the building was almost destroyed and William Smith and his son Frank, who were doing the carpenter work on the building for the Stockdale Lumber company, were caught in the explosion and very painfully burned about the face and hands.

Mr. Smith. who had charge of the work, had cut a manhole to the attic and upon opening it the explosion occurred. Gas had accumulated there and while Mr Smith had only a electric search light, a naked light was evidently in the room below. Both men were hurriedly rushed to the office of Dr. Collier, where their injuries were dressed, after which they were taken to their home in Stockdale.

ANOTHER DISTRICT RAISES TEACHERS' PAY

L. O. Pearce, secretary of the Trafford City school board, announced on Saturday that the board, announced on Saturday that the board had raised teachers' salaries $20 per month. This makes the average salary of that district $125 to $135 per month.

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DONORA NOT SATISFIED WITH CENSUS RETURNS

Donora is somewhat peeved over the result of the recent census of that town, and Burgess Cox, it is said, intends to take some further steps with Supervisor Hildebrand with a view of getting what he believes is coming to the town The last enumerator, after many days delay, has finally sent his report to the Supervisor. He told the borough authorities that itcontained about 1380 names. and if this proves correct it will show a population in Donora of about 14,500 people This is quite a disappointment to the people of the steel town, who had anticipated that the figures would at least reach about 15,000.

SOME OBJECTION TO MINING SCALE

Hundreds of mines in the vicinity of Roscoe. according to the Ledger. quit work last Friday morning and returned to their homes, because of dissatisfaction over the increase given by President Wilson's commission. It appears that while the loaders and machine men receive the 2. per cent agreed upon by the commission, the day men have only been advanced 20 per cent, which appears tobe the cause of the dissatisfaction. However. it isnot expected the trouble will last any length of time, as the district scale committee will no doubt settle these differences and that within a few days the mines will be operating in full at the old scale.

MANY NEW MEMBERS AT M. E. CHURCH

Appropriate Easter services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A large congregation was present and extra seats had to be provided in order to accommodate the worshippers. Special music by the choir was a feature g reatly enjoyed by the assembly and the baptismal service was carried out. About seventy-five new members were received. which made the day one of gladness and joy to the congregation as well as to the pastor.

FAYETTE CITY ODD FELLOWS BURN MORTGAGE

Fayette City Lodge. No. 511. I. O. O. F.. celebrated the burning of a mortgage which has been hanging over the lodge for some years, at a meeting held last Wednesday evening. It is estimated that over 500 members of the Order were present, and a fine program was rendered, during which time the mortgage was destroyed. After the program a social session was held. during which time refreshments were served.

Students to Make Up Personnel of the Organization

TO BE REGULARLY ENLISTED

Action taken by the trustees of Washington and Jefferson College, at their meeting last week, insures the location at Washington of the regimental band of the Tenth Infantry,reorganized National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Some time ago a proposition to have the band composed of college students and located at Washington was presented to the W. & J. authorities, but was not acted upon Later State College became an active bidder for the band and the offer to W. & J. college was renewed and accepted.

Under the plans for the reorganization of the Tenth regiment, the band will be a complete regimental organization and the members will be regularly enlisted in the Guard. They will be uniformed and equipped and will receive pay when required to practice. and will be required to attend theannual encampment in the summer.

The old Tenth regiment band had an enviable position among the guard bands of the state and later the band of the 110th, which served in France, was one of the famous organizations of the A. E. F.

The new band will be in charge of a competent leader and it is thought that no difficulty will be encountered in enlisting 35 or 40 students of the college to form the personnel of the organization . The members of the band will be paid for time spent at practice and their services as an organization will be available for football games and other public occasions.

In the meantime the two companies of the Tenth regiment located in Washington couny, A at Monongahela, and H at Washington, are recruiting members to fill up the ranks of these organizaions. The requirement is one hundred enlisted men and it is hoped to have this number of men in each organization beforethe 30th of May.

WAS WOUNDED IN A COKEBURG SHOOTING

James Dillon. aged 42. colored of Cokeburg. was taken to the county jail early Sunday morning by County Detective John Weimer to be held pending an investigation into a shooting at Cokeburg in which Eppa Boylepp, also colored. was wounded in the left hip. Boylepp's condition is not serious. and it isclaimed that his wounds were the result of the accidental discharge of a weapon in Dillon's hands. The shooting occurred Saturday night, and Detective Weimer, who was sent to the scene, after making an investigation. decided to place Dillon in jail for the time being.

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